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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

The following reply is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 15, 2007. Claims 1-20 were pending and claims 2-4, 15, and 19 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1, 5-14, 16-18 and 20 are the claims remaining for prosecution on the merits. Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested.

The Patent Office is authorized to charge the necessary fees to extend the period of responding from June 15, 2007 to July 15, 2007. Furthermore, enclosed herewith is a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Patent Interferences.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.